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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRG RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ACCOMPANYING FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S JUNE 25 MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE

1. ARE THE ASSERTIONS TRUE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CONTEMPLATED AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL ON THE PEACEFUL USE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NUCLEAR ENERGY IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NONPROLIFERATION POLICY?

ASSERTIONS OF THAT KIND ARE MISLEADING. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS STRICTLY OBSERVED ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NP-

TREATY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL AND IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF WHICH IS TO BE SIGNED ON JUNE 27 BY THE GERMAN AND BRAZILIAN MINISTERS. ON SOME BASIC POINTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EVEN WENT BEYOND THESE OBLIGATIONS AND IN SO DOING CONTINUED ITS NONPROLIFERATION POLICY IN A CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIKEWISE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT INTER-NATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF DEVELOPING WORLDWIDE NON-PRO-

LIFERATION POLICY FURTHER.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

- -- A GENERAL PROFESSION OF ADHERENCE TO THE NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
- -- THE OBLIGATION TO SUBJECT ALL NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND MATERIALS DELIVERED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION, AS WELL AS THE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW, TO THE SAFEGUARDS OF THE IAEA.
- -- THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE ANY OF THE NUCLEAR EQUIP-MENT, FACILITIES, AND MATERIALS DELIVERED IN THE FRAME-WORK OF COOPERATION, OR THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF EITHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER EXPLOSIVE NUCLEAR DEVICES.
- -- THE OBLIGATION TO RE-EXPORT THE EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND MATERIALS, AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION ONLY IF THE RECIPIENT HAS LIKEWISE CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS WITH THE IAEA,
- -- IN ADDITION, THE OBLIGATION TO RE-EXPORT SO-CALLED SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND MATERIALS, AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION, ONLY IF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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- -- THE OBLIGATION TO APPLY THE SAFEGUARDS AGREED UPON WITHOUT ANY TIME LIMIT, EVEN BEYOND THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT (WHICH IN ANY CASE CAN BE DENOUNCED ONLY AFTER 15 YEARS),
- -- A STIPULATION ON THE PROTECTION OF INSTALLATIONS AND MATERIAL E.G. AGAINST ACTIONS OF THIRD PARTIES, THE SO-CALLED PHYSICAL PROTECTION.
- -- IT WAS AGREED, MOREOVER, THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY PARTICIPATE AS A THIRD PARTY IN BRAZIL'S NEGO-

TIATIONS AND AGREEMENT WITH IAEA ON SAFEGUARD CONTROLS,

BRAZIL'S PROFESSION OF ADHERENCE TO THE NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTION OF RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION UNDER SAFEGUARDS, THE RESTRICTIONS ON RE-EXPORT, THE STIPULATIONS REGARDING PHYSICAL PROTECTION, AND THE ADOPTION OF TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS GO BEYOND THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION OF THE NP-TREATY

AND THEREBY STIMULATE A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE IAEO-SAFEGUARDS-SYSTEMS VIS-A-VIS PARTIES NOT SIGNATORIES TO THE TREATY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTACHED DECISIVE VALUE TO THESE COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS BECAUSE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION ON THIS SCALE IS A NOVELTY. IN PARTICULAR, THE TRILATERAL CONTROL AGREEMENT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXERT A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE SAFEGUARDS TO BE EFFECTIVELY APPLIED IN BRAZIL EVEN WHILE THIS AGREEMENT WAS BEING NEGOTIATED.

IN THE PRACTICAL EXECUTION OF THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING, THE EXPORTING GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY WILL NOT ONLY BE SUBJECT TO OUR OWN EXTENSIVE AND LOOPHOLE-FREE ATOMIC LEGISLATION BUT ALSO TO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE EURATOM TREATY AND, IN ADDITION, TO THOSE UNDER THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA. THE INDUSTRY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE FOREIGN TRADE LAW, BOTH FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOCONFIDENTIAL

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LOGICAL INFORMATION TO BRAZIL, WHEN IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT FOR SUCH EXPORTS BRAZIL HAS ACCEPTED THE AFOREMENTIONED IAEA CONTROL MEASURES.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS AGREE-MENT GIVES FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE GOALS OF AN EFFEC-TIVE NONPROLIFERATION POLICY, TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIRE-MENTS OF WORLDWIDE COOPERATION FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE SHORTAGES AND BOTTLENECKS IN THE TRADITIONAL ENERGY FIELD HAVE LED TO A STEADILY INCREASING DEMAND FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY. THIS IS AN IRREVERSIBLE DEVELOPMENT. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE FURTHERMORE CREATED THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS OF INCREASINGLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL IS NOT ONE OF "WHETHER" BUT EXCLUSIVELY OF "WHEN." THE URGE OF THESE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REASONS IS INEXORABLE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF A WORKABLE AND ENDURING NONPROLIFERA-TION POLICY TO INTEGRATE INCREASINGLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL IN THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM.

2. HAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC CONSULTED PROMPTLY AND EXTENSIVELY WITH ITS ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THEUNITED STATES, AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESULT?

YES; THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC PROMPTLY

AND EXTENSIVELY CONSULTED NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO THE OTHER ALLIES.

THE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE FEBRUARY 1975, PRIMARILY IN BONN AND IN WASHINGTON. IN APRIL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELD DAYLONG TALKS WITH A U.S. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IN BONN. FURTHER GERMAN-AMERICAN CONTACTS CAME ABOUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MULTI-LATERAL EVENTS -- FOR EXAMPLE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE ON REVIEW OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IN GENEVA IN MAY 1945. THE FEDERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENT HELD SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER FRI ENDLY STATES, BOTH IN BONN AND IN OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS. IT ALSO PRESENTED THE AGREEMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 103 OF THE EURATOM AGREEMENT, TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW.

IN ITS TALKS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT ITS OBJECTIVE ARGUMENTS WERE UNDERSTOOD. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE SAFEGUARDS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND BRAZIL. IN PARTICULAR, IT EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION AT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN THE CONTROL AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE IAEA.

NO OBJECTIONS AGAINST THE AGREEMENT WERE RAISED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

3. WHAT ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SCOPE CAN BE ASCRIBED TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL?

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS HAD GOOD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL FOR MANY YEARS. BRAZIL, WITH OVER A HUNDRED MILLION INHABITANTS, IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA AND ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD. THE ECONOMIC UPSWING IN BRAZIL ALLOWS ONE TO ASSUME THAT IN A FEW YEARS BRAZIL CAN BE A MODERN INDUSTRIAL POWER.

GERMAN-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WILL BE FURTHER DEEPENED AND STRENGTHENED BY THIS AGREEMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

EXPECTS FROM IT POSITIVE EFFECTS AND INITIATIVES GOING BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND BLAZING NEW PATHS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

GERMAN-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION MIGHT SERVE AS A MODEL FOR

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL STATES AND STATES WHICH STAND ON THE THRESHHOLD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.
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BRAZIL IS NOT AN INDUSTRIAL NATION AS YET; IT NEEDS GREAT SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ECONOMY. EXISTING RESOURCES -- WATER AND PETROLEUM -- ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THAT. CONSEQUENTLY BRAZIL IS DEPENDENT ON USING NUCLEAR ENERGY.

BEYOND THAT THE GRADUAL JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY WILL EXERT A STIMULATING INFLUENCE AND A SECONDARY EFFECT ON ALMOST ALL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED ESPECIALLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS OWN INDEPENDENT OF THE HITHERTO NECESSARY AND COSTLY IMPORTS IN THIS AREA.

FOR THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, TOO, COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. THE ECONOMIC ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN SUCH A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION ARE THE DELIVERY OF NATURAL URANIUM BY BRAZIL TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND, CONVERSELY, THE DELIVERY OF UP TO 8 NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANTS, ONE FUEL ELEMENT PLANT, COOPERATION IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT BASED ON THE SEPARATION NOZZLE PROCESS DEVELOPED IN KARLSRUHE, AND THE ERECTION OF A PILOT PLANT FOR THE REPROCESSING OF IRRADIATED FUELS.

THE POTENTIAL VOLUME OF ORDERS IN THIS INTENDED COOPERATION WILL EXTEND OVER A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS AND AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 10 BILLION GERMAN MARKS. BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD IN FOREIGN MARKETS. MOREOVER, BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF NATURAL URANIUM EXPECTED BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 80'S AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CORRESPONDING NATURAL URANIUM CARTELS, THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND GERMAN INDUSTRY ARE INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL CONTAINS THE POSSIBILITY FOR POLITICALLY REALISTIC, TECHNOLOGICALLY PROGRESSIVE AND ECONOMICALLY SOUND COOPERATION BETWEEN AN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY AND A COUNTRY ON THE THRESHHOLD OF INDUSTRIALIZA-

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